

Dear FCC,

This is in regards to petition RM-10808 filed by Mr. Joseph Speroni, AH0A, in which he seeks to have the Commission delete Element 1 for applicants who want to operate phone on HF but retain Element 1 at 5 WPM for applicants who want to operate Morse code.

In my opinion, the Morse code testing requirement should remain as it is now and should not be changed or removed for HF access for any license class. Morse code is an essential part of the Amateur Radio Service and should remain.

Lots of radio amateurs have taken and passed the Morse code examination requirement over the years for HF access, even when it was at 20 wpm. They continue to pass the Morse code exams even now at the slow speed of 5 wpm. There has even been an increase of Extra Class licensees. This shows that Morse code testing is not a hindrance, limiting, or preventing licensed amateurs from upgrading nor is it preventing people from getting an amateur radio license.

If it's not broke don't fix it. More emphasis should be placed on amateurs improving their operating practices while on the air and on knowing and understanding the Amateur Radio Service Rules and Regulations. I say no to RM-10808.

Sincerely,

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